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February 18, 1997

Mr. H. G. Stanley
Site Vice President
Braidwood Station
Commonwealth Edison Company
RR #1, Box 84
Braceville, IL 60407

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/96021; 50-457/96021
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Stanley:

On January 10, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Overall, we found that plant operations were conducted safely.

We are concerned about a violation with eight examples of failing to follow procedures demonstrated by operators, maintenance workers, radiation protection technicians, and security guards that were, for the most part, identified by the inspectors. Procedure adherence problems that have resulted in both cited and non-cited violations were previously discussed in Inspections Reports 96014, 96012, 96011, 96006, and 95017. We are also concerned about two other violations. One violation was for failure to comply with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code and promptly declare one train of the Essential Service Water System inoperable when a through wall leak had been identified. Sufficient guidance on this issue had been previously provided through NRC Generic Letters 91-18 and 90-05 to allow the Braidwood staff to understand what actions needed to be taken. The other violation was for failure to take timely corrective action for a number of carts and equipment that had been improperly secured to or in the immediate vicinity of safety-related equipment. This issue required repeated identification by the NRC to ensure appropriate corrective actions were taken.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Because of the number and diversity of examples in the Notice, in addition to your response to the specific violation, provide an additional explanation of what steps you have or are planning to take to assure that this will not become an adverse trend and continue to affect the station's overall performance.

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Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Grobe for
James L. Caldwell, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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